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## LPC Hires Executive Director

*Excom votes to employ Juan Ros to work full time for California Libertarian party*



**Juan Ros**

**F**ulfilling the third of Chair Mark Hinkle's 1997 goals, the LPC's Executive Committee voted 11-4 to hire Juan C. Ros, Chair of Region 61 (San Fernando Valley), as the Party's

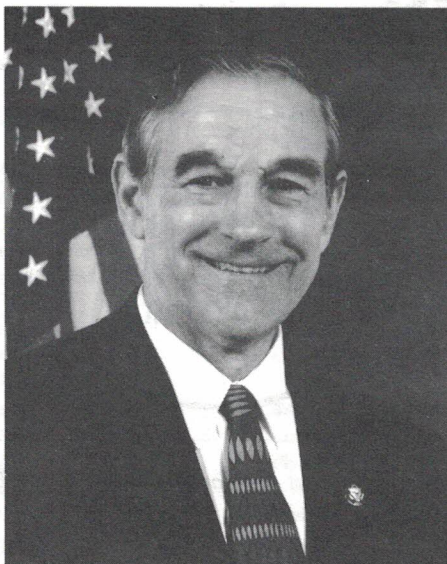
Executive Director. The vote took place at the Excom's April 18th meeting in Santa Clara.

Ros will begin working full-time for the Party on Monday, May 4th, becoming the LPC's first employee in many years. Funds to pay for the position were raised by donations and pledges from members. (See "LPC Raises Funds For Executive Director," last month.)

"I'm thrilled," said Ros, who lives in Los Angeles. "This is a critical moment in the LPC's growth, and I admire the Executive Committee's courage and confidence in going ahead with this. And I'm grateful to all the people who came forward to make this happen."

Once Ros starts on the job, he will fly to Washington D.C. to consult and train with the leaders of the national Party. "I want to emulate their success at the national level here in California," he said.

As the LPC's Executive Director, one of Ros's primary responsibilities will be to serve as its spokesman for the media. "My goal is to get the LP into as many newspapers, radio (continued on page 5)



**Republican congressman and former Libertarian presidential candidate, Dr. Ron Paul. This issue, we present a transcript of his speech at the 1998 LPC Convention. (see page 6)**

## Libertarians Protest Tax Day

*California Libertarians march against state theft*

**A**s every American knows, April 15th is Tax Day — the day that the U.S. government annually demands its pound of flesh from citizens in the form of income taxes. It is also the day that many Libertarians march in protest to the yearly shakedown, reminding their fellow fleeces that "taxation is theft."

This year was no different...

In the state's capital, the LPC's Sacramento and Placer County regions sponsored a joint (continued on page 3)

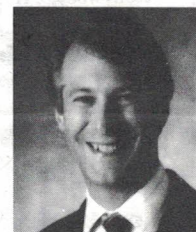
## LPC Takes Positions on Propositions

*Excom offers its recommendations for pro-liberty voting on ballot propositions*

by Ted Brown

**A**t its April 18th meeting, the LPC Executive Committee took positions on four of the nine propositions for the June 2 primary ballot. There was quite a lot of debate and controversy on several of the measures.

The committee voted to support Propositions 219 and 227. Prop. 219 would prohibit a statewide initiative from including or excluding a county from its effect depending on how that county voted on a measure. Prop. 227 is the "English for the Children" initiative which would eliminate most bilingual education. Committee members felt the measure would promote parental choice in this area. (continued on page 9)



**Ted Brown**

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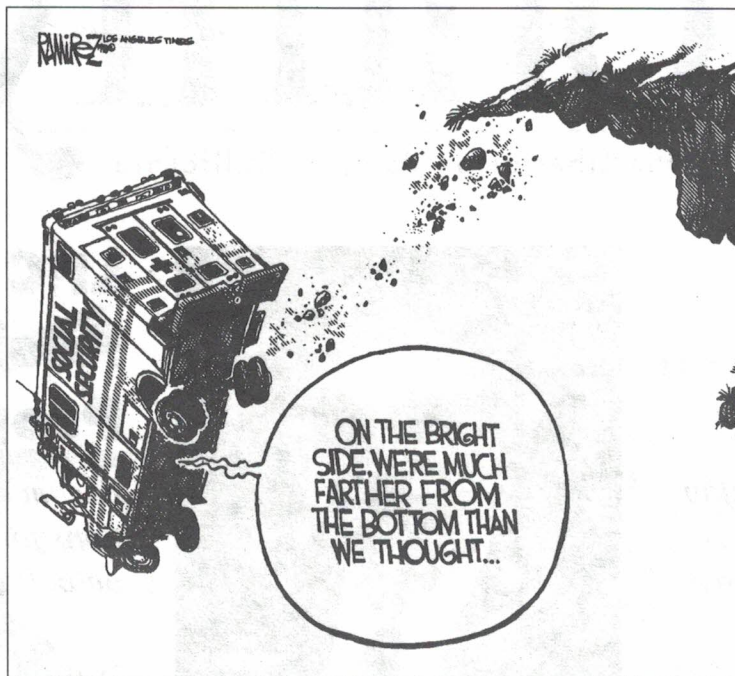
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## LETTERS



The following letter was sent to Congressman Elton Gallegly (R):

### Another Republican Switches

After several years of disillusionment with politics in general and the Republican Party in particular, I have left the Republicans behind and re-registered as a Libertarian.

Once upon a time I thought the Republican Party was committed to action consistent with its principles; time, however, has shown this not to be the case. A look at your own "report card" for the summer of 1997 proves this — not a single vote in opposition to higher taxes or bigger government! The defining line between Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives, has not only blurred, it has steadily shifted away from the principles of our Founding Fathers.

Another case in point: The hearings on Capitol Hill about the abuses of the IRS — once a prime Republican issue. Yet it's up to Senator Bob Kerry (D-NE) to spearhead this with his 1997 publication, "A Vision for a New IRS." And the aftermath of all the "focus" on the IRS? The agency continues unfettered in its abuses — I know, I turned to your office for help with the local IRS. While appearing to be touchy-feely-interested in helping, the gist of the assistance I received from your office was as follows:

"Come now, Mr. Stowell! Why so alarmed? There's absolutely no reason for you to assert your rights as a taxpayer; no reason for you to insist on collecting information guaranteed to

you by the Freedom of Information Act; no need for you to take responsible steps seeking some measure of protection, security and privacy in your dealings with the IRS."

I have spent the last eight months trying to get the customer-service-oriented IRS to release documents pertaining to me under FOIA. I have exhausted the Appeals process, including Form 8626, "Agreement to Rescind Notice of Deficiency" and a sworn Affidavit explaining all of the items in question. Yet the IRS deliberately chooses to ignore all of this, causing me to petition the Tax Court.

I also find it a curious oversight that, hot on the heels of the IRS hearings, not once did your office mention that Mr. Kerry's publication might be of interest to me... At any rate, I realize that I have been asleep at the helm. Rest assured that I will now keep a watchful eye on the actions of elected representatives to ensure strict adherence to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

RICHARD L. STOWELL, JR.  
Ventura, CA

### Sing Out for Liberty

Remember singer Johnny Mathis' big hit song, "It's Not For Me To Say." That title, with one minor change, can serve as the perfect libertarian reply to our legislators!

For example, whenever yet another regulatory law is proposed by our legislature, and a subcommittee hearing is scheduled to debate the merits of the proposed legislation, we should take the opportunity to speak out against this increase in government interference; that is, we should, in unison, sing at each assemblyman and senator, "It's not for you to say!"

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## Libertarian Tax Day Protests

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event at the sole location in the city where last minute taxpayers could drop off their tax returns until midnight. "We held signs proclaiming our opposition to the tax system and the IRS," reported Sacramento Chair Gene Frazier. "The sign encouraging taxpayers to 'Honk If You Hate Taxes' was particularly rousing to motorists. Post Office officials finally asked us to move the sign to the front of the demonstration area because the tax form collectors were getting blasted by a steady stream of car horns."

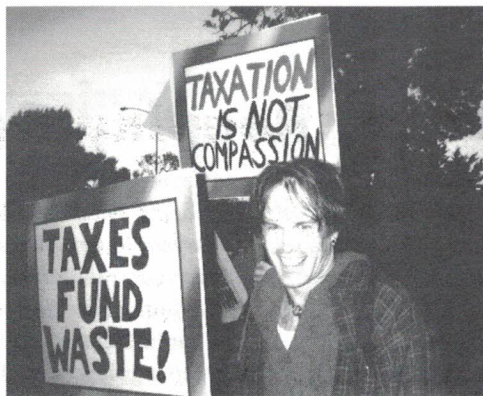
Attending the Sacramento-Placer rally were local Libertarians currently running for office. The evening provided them with some good media exposure.

At the other end of the state, a few miles north of Los Angeles, the San Fernando Valley Libertarians held their protest at their favorite spot, the Van Nuys Main Post Office, a centrally located site annually bustling with last minute tax-filers. "This year," reported Chair

Juan Ros, "Second Vice Chair Don Wilde and I broke in our region's newly-purchased 'Operation Politically Homeless Booth' kit and administered a number of 'The World's Smallest Political Quizzes' — before getting kicked off

the Post Office's property! The good news was that all but one of the quiz-takers scored in the Libertarian quadrant!"

Ros and Wilde moved their demonstration to the bustling street in front of the Post Office, and were later joined by other Los Angeles County Libertarians. "About 20 other members eventually showed up," said Ros. "Treasurer Phil Baron dressed up as Uncle Sam and attracted quite a bit of attention. Our Congressional candidate for the 24th District, Erich Miller, also made an appearance along with his infant daughter — who was wearing a shirt reading 'Dad For Congress.' Our protest received the noisy encouragement of passing motorists and last minute filers in the form



San Francisco Chair Starchild at his region's Tax Day Protest.

of their continuously honking horns. All the local media were there, too, and we received some very nice TV coverage."

Meanwhile, San Francisco Libertarians were hosting their own demonstration at a centrally located

post office in that city by the bay. "We handed out Party literature," said San Francisco Chair Starchild, "and circulated petitions — including a Libertarian-sponsored measure to repeal the income tax." Activists also distributed the LP's newly minted "million dollar bills," which provide facts about the government's profligate spending, as well as LP contact info. In addition to spreading the L-word, the San Francisco Libertarians actually raised a little money for their region by collecting signatures for several initiatives whose sponsors were paying for signatures.

Numerous other regions sponsored protests as well. ■

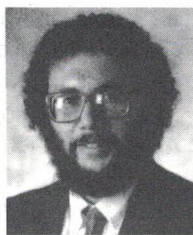
## Executive Committee Meets

*LPC Officers, Regional and At-large Representatives gather to conduct Party business*

by Joe Dehn

The LPC Execom met in Santa Clara on April 18. All voting members plus several alternates were present for most of the meeting.

The Chair presented a contract with Withease (Thea McLean) for database and other administrative work. Primary changes from the previous relationship are adding more tasks and switching to a uniform hourly rate, rather than per transaction charges, for labor. Work added will include some tasks previously done



Joe Dehn

by volunteers. The contract was approved with the proviso that a monthly limit on hours be established beyond which the Chair must be notified.

There was a discussion of the application of the Bylaws provision requiring Executive Committee approval of contractual obligations and financial liabilities. The Executive Committee agreed (by a 2/3 vote) to delegate to the Operations Committee authority to approve contracts as long as they do not exceed 60 days, \$10,000, or the amount budgeted for the activity in question.

The Northern and Southern Vice Chairs presented reports. The minutes of the 1998 convention and of the 16

February Executive Committee meeting were approved with corrections. The Secretary reported on the results of three recent mail ballots.

A report from the Style Committee on the Bylaws was presented; the recommendations will be voted on by mail ballot after members have had a chance to review them. Style Committee recommendations concerning the Platform are expected to be considered at the next meeting.

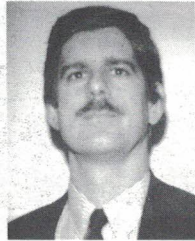
The Treasurer presented financial statements for activity through March. There was a discussion of the accounting for convention promotion expenses and the question of (continued on page 4)



From The Chair:

# Taking Risks, Reaping Rewards

by Mark Hinkle



Mark Hinkle

I'm delighted to report another success — the last of our three goals for 1997 is now a reality: the LPC Executive Committee has voted to hire Juan Ros as the Party's Executive Director.

In addition, the Excom voted to secure the services of Thea McLean of WithEase to handle our organization's database and administrative requirements. As a result, online regions will now receive monthly membership reports from her via e-mail; regions that are not yet online will receive them by U.S. Mail.

With Thea handling the Party's administrative business and Juan performing his full time efforts, we are well on our way to becoming a fully professional organization.

Juan begins working for us this month. For a description of his responsibilities, see the related article on page 1. We've place a lot on Juan's shoulders, but I know Juan can handle the job and handle it exceedingly well.

Some believe that hiring an Executive Director is a risky move, one that might fail. They are right on both accounts. But that is true of any effort to grow and change. Whenever an individual or group tries something new, there is always the possibility of failure...but there is also the opportunity for success! If we are to alter the course of politics in California, then we must change, we must grow, we must mature. To succeed, we must risk failure. But remember, this isn't a game of chance. Our efforts will determine the outcome: achieving success is within our power. If we have the will to succeed, we *shall*.

Which brings me to our monthly pledge program...

Thanks to the over 1,200 contributors and numerous major donors (who con-

tributed between \$1,000-\$10,000 each), we now have an Executive Director. One-time contributions enabled us to raise the start-up capital to fund this endeavor, but it will be our monthly pledgers who shall keep it going. Therefore, one of our major goals for 1998 is to raise the monthly pledge base from approximately \$3,000 per month to \$6,000 per month. That's ambitious, but we can do it.

While I'm on this subject, and since we have now accomplished our three primary goals for 1997, this seems like a good time to announce my new goals for 1998:

- 1) Building our ranks to 7,000 members;
- 2) Building our monthly pledge program to \$6,000 per month;
- 3) Generating \$350,000 in total revenue;
- 4) Maintaining ballot status.

None of these goals will come easily. Last year's didn't. But last year, you came through with the financial support we needed to fuel our growth from 2,300 to 5,400 members; last year, you helped us raise a total of \$190,000 in revenues — \$40,000 above our goal; you also made it possible for us to hire our new Executive Director, Juan Ros.

This year, we have our work cut out for us again: but we can turn our vision into reality. We already have the vehicle — a professionally run organization — all you have to do is provide its fuel. We have already demonstrated that, when you provide the support, we make things happen. I believe the LPC is eminently donor worthy, and I hope you agree.

If you are not yet a monthly pledger, please sign up today (you can use the form on the back of this newsletter); if you are already a monthly pledger, we hope you will consider increasing your pledge amount. With your continued support, we will make our 1998 goals a reality, as we did with our 1997 goals.

I believe that securing our Liberty is worth the risk and the expense — and I'm betting that you believe so too. ■

## Executive Committee Meeting

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whether the convention should be considered to have made a profit, including implications for compensation of the contractor. The question was referred to the Operations Committee.

There was discussion of a plan for tele-marketing to build up the monthly pledge program. The Committee voted unanimously to go ahead with this plan.

The Chair presented terms of a proposed contract for Juan Ros to serve as Executive Director. Discussion included the kinds of work he would be doing, estimates of costs beyond salary, possibilities for a bonus plan, and whether we are in a strong enough financial position to take this step. The contract was approved with minor amendments.

The Committee discussed nine propositions which will appear on the June ballot and took positions on four of them: in favor of 219 and 227, in opposition to 222 and 224.

The Committee considered two proposals for the 1999 convention, one for it to be in San Jose and run by the LPC, the other for it to be in San Luis Obispo and run by Region 40. It was decided to hold the convention in San Jose, on Presidents Day weekend, and that the Chair should appoint a convention organizing committee so that the work would not be an additional burden on the new Executive Director.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 1998, in Southern California.

*Joe Dehn is Region 43 Representative to the LPC Executive Committee. This article has been condensed from his summary distributed to activists via e-mail. His original summaries of this and previous meetings, along with the official minutes from the Secretary which should be consulted for the complete record of business and exact wording of motions, may be found at <<http://www.lp.org/ca/lpc-ec-meetings.html>>. ■*



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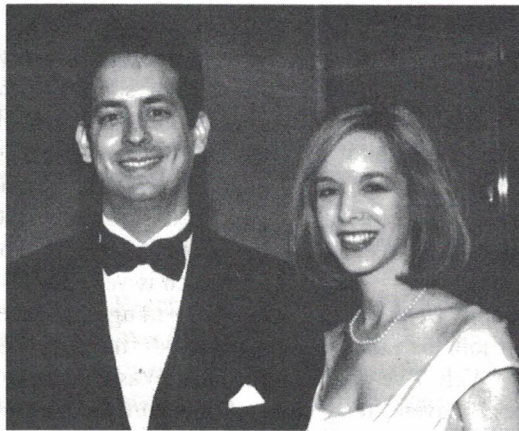
shows, and TV news broadcasts as possible," he said. "I'm going to develop media contacts up and down the state. I'll be writing and distributing press releases regularly, and appearing on as many radio talk shows as I can — English and Spanish." Ros, whose parents are Cuban, speaks fluent Spanish.

The party's new Executive Director also plans to establish a Libertarian beachhead in the California legislature: "I'll be monitoring what goes on in Sacramento and testifying before legislative committees."

In addition, Ros hopes to increase the number of California Libertarians in office. "I want to see a continuous slate of candidates running for local legislative office all across the state and will work to get them elected." He also will make

himself available to local LPC regions, and assist the Party at fundraising.

Ros joined the LP in 1996 and soon became one of its top activists. In 1997, he was elected Vice Chair of Region 61 and later became a Regional Representative to the LPC Excom. Last year, he also organized and hosted a fundraising dinner featuring Charles Murray that raised over \$2,400 for the Libertarian Party of Los Angeles County and was broadcast nationwide on C-SPAN. Soon after, he was named Media Chair for the 1998 LPC Convention, held last February. Ros was responsible for booking one of the Convention's most popular speakers, talk radio show host Larry Elder, and arranged for the speech to be broadcast nationally by C-SPAN —



Juan Ros and his wife Stacy.

a first for any state LP convention. Currently, he is the Libertarian candidate for Congress in the 26th District.

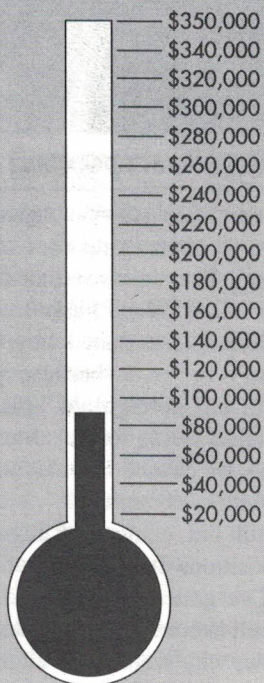
Ros graduated from Penn State University with a BA in Film, and has worked in the entertainment industry in

various capacities over the last ten years. "Working in the entertainment industry, I've had to deal with a lot of egomaniacs who love to waste money," he said, "so I guess I'm well-qualified to take on our state government!"

Summing up his feelings, Ros said: "I'm very honored to have been selected as the LPC's Executive Director, and really looking forward to helping the Libertarian Party become a major force in California politics." ■

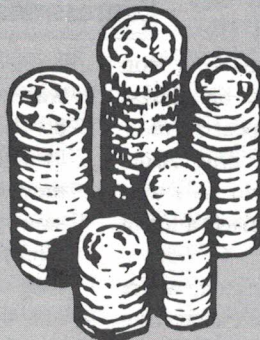
### Revenue

Current: \$90,142  
Year End Goal: \$350,000



### Pledges & Donations

Totals for March  
Pledges: \$2,108  
Donations: \$13,634

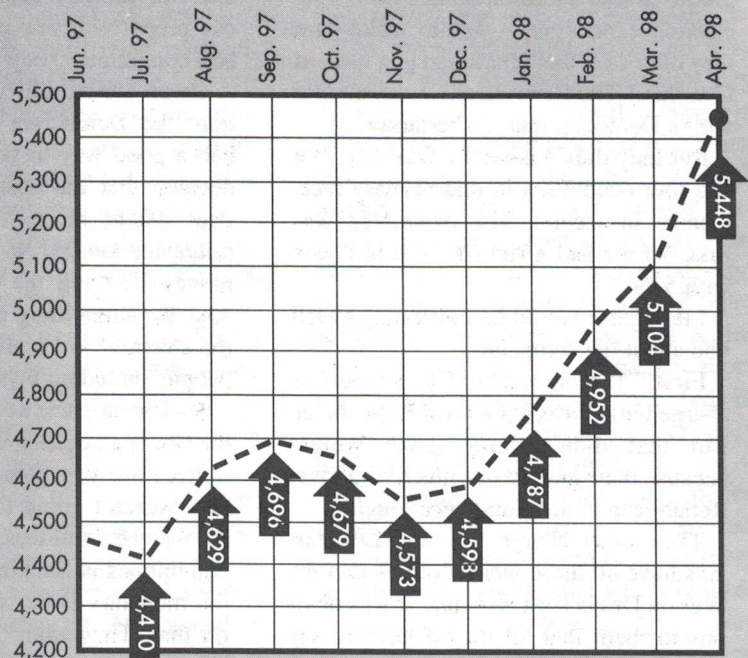


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## Growth Watch: March 1998

### Membership

March 31st: 5,448 Year End Goal: 7,000





On February 14, Republican congressman and former Libertarian Party presidential candidate Dr. Ron Paul shared his experiences on Capitol Hill with a standing room only crowd at the LPC's 1998 Convention. The following is an edited transcript of his speech:

**RON PAUL:** People frequently ask me, "Would you ever join the Libertarian Party again?" I say: "Well, I've paid my life membership dues. I haven't resigned and they haven't kicked me out, so I still must be a member!" (*audience applauds*)

But I'm not a big champion of parties; I'm a champion of principles. I endorse everything the Libertarian Party has done to promote liberty, and don't see any reason for conflict between people who pick different vehicles to achieve the same ends. The important thing is the message.

When I announced my intention to run for Congress in 1996, I went to the Republican delegation and said "I'm thinking about running again. There's a Democrat holding the 14th District now and I think I can beat him. I think I can make it a Republican seat." They were very cordial, then I left. Three weeks later, the district was a Republican seat because the Republican leadership had bribed the Democrat to switch over! They gave him a seat on Ways and Means and promised him a million dollars for his re-election campaign — just to make sure they didn't get this libertarian guy back in Congress! The Republicans were happier with a Democrat than a libertarian.

But they didn't have the final say. We had four candidates in that primary race. I came in second. The incumbent was first. So we had a run off — and I won with 52%.

I thought it would be interesting to tell you about the campaign...

First, the incumbent's supporters charged that I was not a loyal Republican. But that didn't carry much weight because their guy wasn't much of a loyal Republican either! (*audience laughs*)

Their other charge was that Libertarians have all these weird notions that the War on Drugs isn't working. It was obvious to them that all they'd have to say was "Ron Paul is for legalizing drugs,"

and nobody would vote for me. I thought so too — I certainly didn't have full confidence I could win.

The Republicans spent a million dollars on the incumbent and ran a tough primary. But they didn't understand Texans or this district, which is very rural — and they did some things that just didn't work...

First, they brought in people from Washington to campaign for the incumbent! That backfired. All I had to say was: "Do we need Washington to tell us who we should have as a Congressman?"

They spent most of their money on some really monstrous TV ads attacking me on the drug issue. So we ran ads with me in my doctor's office wearing my white coat and holding a baby, saying: "You know I don't think people should use drugs, but I do believe the War on Drugs isn't working. It's time we thought about ending it." By the time of the election, 65% of the people were very aware of the drug issue — and of that 65%, we got 2/3 of the vote! It was *amazing*! People realized I wasn't for drug use, I was against the War on Drugs. I was against big government wasting our money, intruding into our privacy and confiscating our property! Even in this Bible-belt community, they understood.

Then, during the general election, the Democrats figured they had a good way to beat me. They decided that the best way to beat Ron Paul would be...to hit him on drugs! (*audience laughs*) So they spent all *their* money vilifying me on the drug issue. And the same thing happened — I won the election! We really surprised a lot of people, including myself.

So I went back to Washington, where the first big question becomes what committees are you going to be on. I knew they weren't going to put me on any of the fancy committees. One of the "minor" committees is Banking. I'm interested in the monetary issue, so I asked to be put on that. They said, "No problem — no one wants on that anyway." Then I asked

# Ron Paul A View From



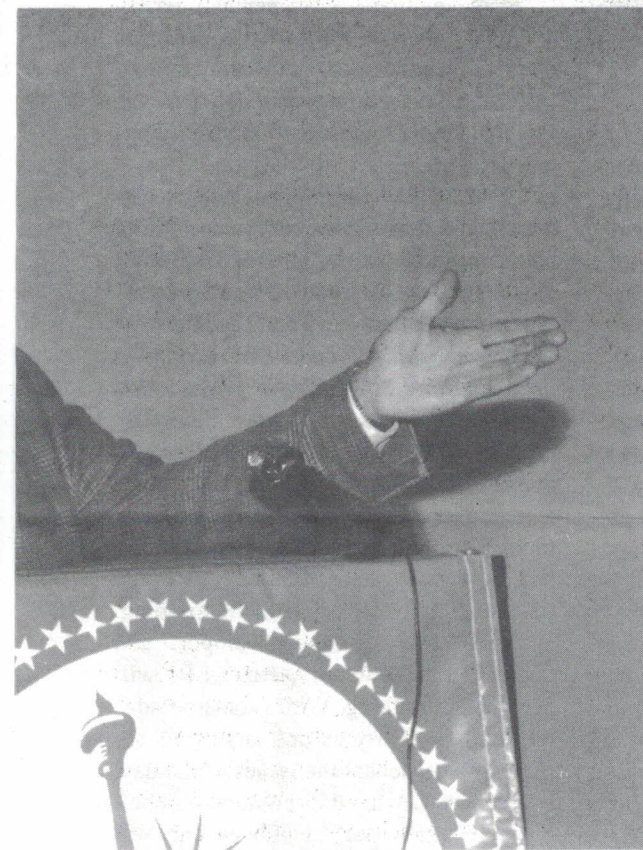
Congressman Dr. Ron Paul speaking at the LPC

for a seat on Foreign Affairs. Again, I was told, "No problem — no one wants on that either." But the next day they changed their minds. When I asked why, they said: "There's a certain lobby that says you can't be on it because you won't vote for any foreign aid." So, as long as I wouldn't vote for any foreign aid, there was no chance I could be on the Foreign Affairs committee.

But it's still fun being in Congress, taking the positions I take. One of the individuals I've gotten to know and get along with well is none other than Bernie Sanders! Now, why would I be aligning myself with a socialist like Bernie? Well,



# Paul: from the Hill



C's 1998 Convention in Los Angeles.

You're passionate about everything, and it looks like you're having a good time." I thought it was interesting that this guy who's honest and sincere and wanting to do good, could not think of anything to be passionate about. Well, try liberty! (*audience applauds*)

I also heard another Republican say, "You know, sometimes I wish we were back in the minority. Then I could forget about politics and vote for what I believed in — like Ron Paul!" It's interesting...

As you know, we get to make a minute speech before the sessions start. I make use of this sometimes. Discussing the possibility of going to war with Iraq, I said that our foreign policy was inconsistent: in the past, we've given Iraq arms and aid and looked the other way when they used poison gas on Iran; *now* we think they're dangerous. Then another member got up and, quoting Emerson, said: "A foolish consistency is the hob-goblin of little minds." His point was that only little minds dwell on inconsistencies. Later, I responded: "Criticizing another member for following a consistent freedom philosophy and strict adherence to the Constitution is actually an attempt to reassure the critics themselves, who are uneasy with their own position. Obviously, criticizing one for consistency either means that inconsistency is something to be proud of,

or there is little respect for the philosophy that is consistently being defended."

Isn't it sick to hear these guys discussing how they are going to spend the budget "excess?" They're already borrowing \$180 billion per year from Social Security and yet they are talking about having an "excess!" It's rather trying.

The attitude up there on the budget is just plain dangerous. I'm very uneasy about having a \$1.7 trillion budget, balanced or not. The percentage of money that they take from us is *tremendous*! What if we had a budget of \$2 trillion, and it was truly balanced? That would be horrible! It'd be better to have a budget at

\$1 trillion and have it be out of balance. Of course, it would be far better to have a budget at \$500 million and have an excess! There's no doubt about it — taxpayers get it two ways... First, when the government takes our money — that's bad enough; but, when they spend it, that's when they do the real harm!

Part of the "Republican Revolution" is to use block grants; most of the time, they want to collect more money and hand it out to the states. The Republicans actually *increased* the amount of money for public housing, saying that block grants would make the program more efficient. But I kept saying: "The issue is, does public housing *work*? Is public housing *morally right*? Do you have the right to take funds from one group and give them to another?" That fell on deaf ears.

It's a shame we can't do more to bring those who are sincerely concerned about the poor to a true understanding of the problem. Bernie Sanders is a serious person who thinks the poor are getting ripped-off — and they are! But he doesn't understand it's because these welfare programs throw a few crumbs to the poor, while the lion's share goes to developers, contractors, bankers, administrators and bureaucrats. These programs breed crime, corruption, incompetence, bad service, the whole works! We have to show people that the real threat to the poor are these liberal, big-spending Keynesians!

The Republicans right now are very unhappy with themselves because they think they made a political blunder in 1996. They produced a budget with a few puny corrections, but the President wouldn't sign it. So non-essential services were closed down for several days. They were attacked for it and, to this day, they're convinced they lost that PR fight. And they *never* want to do that again! They are so scared. The worst part about the shutdown was that those federal employees got paid for all the work they didn't do! The only argument in favor of that is that the country would probably be better off if we just sent all the bureaucrats home and paid them to do nothing! Maybe we should try that with Congress — offer to double their salaries if they agree never to (*continued on next page*)

he hates the leadership of both major parties! And, occasionally, there are some issues on which we can agree with principled people from the left. Recently, Bernie heard me give a speech opposing going to war with Iraq. Afterward, he came up to me and said, "Ron, I don't know what's going on...I agree with you on *another* issue!" So I poked him and said, "Bernie, you keep comin' along and we'll make a libertarian out of you yet!" (*audience laughs*)

The other day I was in an elevator with another freshman, who turned to me and said: "Ron, I'd like you to tell me something that I could be passionate about.



## Ron Paul

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go into session! (audience applauds)

How do we pursue the fight for freedom? Well, ultimately, it takes political action. Our founding fathers knew what they didn't like, so they did something to get rid of it and replaced it with something better. A lot of talk isn't enough.

The question is: What is the proper role of government? As libertarians, we say it's to protect liberty. In a free society, individuals are permitted to pursue their goals and deal with problems in their own way. When government gets involved in pursuing goals like economic equality and prohibiting self-destructive behavior, it stops performing its proper role: protecting liberty. Because it can't do both: those goals are at odds with each other.

The more freedom a society possesses, the more wealth and justice it enjoys. The problems comes when people forget the premises of liberty and focus on acquiring wealth through government coercion.

The 20th century has not been good for freedom. 100-200 million people have been killed by their own governments. 34-35 million people have been killed in wars, most of them fought for the benefit of special interests and tyrants. We have to offer an alternative. We have to show Americans that having more liberty, not more government, is in their best interest. We have to get people to think in a moral way. What moral right does *anyone* have to coerce us into doing what *they* think we should do? We have to show people that coercive government is not only morally wrong, it's a lousy system: it causes poverty and war!

This country is moving towards fascism — I call it fascism with a smile and a gun. We're in a big struggle, and the libertarian message is crucial. I believe we can win if we concentrate on the morality of this issue. I don't know what the future holds for the Libertarian Party, but your success cannot be measured by numbers alone. In Washington, they know you exist. They know there is a libertarian message — and I'm not going to let them forget about it! ■

## Q&A With Joseph S. Farina

*A Conversation with the LPC candidate for Attorney General*

In the coming months, we will publish a series of interviews with our state-wide candidates. This month, we talk with Joseph S. Farina, candidate for Attorney General...



Joseph S. Farina

**Q:** *What is your background?*

**A:** I was born in New York in 1958. I lived there until 1976, when I enlisted in the U.S. Army. I served three years as a combat engineer in West Germany and received my honorable discharge in 1979. I received my B.A. in History from the University of Maryland. Eventually, I moved to San Jose, entered the Santa Clara University School of Law, and graduated with a J.D. in 1986. A week later, I married my wife, Ann, and we moved to Sacramento. I was admitted to the State Bar and have been practicing ever since. My wife and I have a nine year old son, Anthony.

**Q:** *How did you discover the Libertarian Party?*

**A:** When I was in the Army, I read Robert Ringer's "Looking Out for Number One" and "Restoring the American Dream," and knew I had found a political and philosophical home. I joined the Sacramento LP in 1987. I was inspired by this band of troopers who, despite their small numbers, were committed to achieving their aims.

**Q:** *What is your most rewarding accomplishment as a libertarian activist?*

**A:** Rebuilding the Sacramento LP during my two terms as chairman in 1995 and 1996. We more than doubled our paid membership and became a political force that local media sought out to speak as the opposition on bond measures and other money grabbing schemes.

**Q:** *What issues do you intend to focus on during this election?*

**A:** First, the total elimination of governmental interference with Prop. 215. I will also encourage local law enforcement officials to issue concealed carry weapons permits to all eligible citizens, and urge the repeal of gun laws which

prohibit the ownership of certain classes of guns based on vague terms such as "assault weapons." I will support continuing the strict enforcement of Prop. 209. I'll also argue for ending governmental interference with the efforts of Tribal Indians to sponsor gambling on their reservations.

**Q:** *How would you describe your opponents?*

**A:** Typical big government, status quo types who have done or said nothing about protecting the rights of California citizens who have been abused by intrusive governmental laws and regulations.

**Q:** *If you could ask other Libertarians to do something to help the party, what would it be?*

**A:** Contribute and volunteer. Money is the mother's milk of politics and volunteers are its foundation. While it's crucial to have strong principles as your building blocks, money and volunteers are the lubricants that keep the machine running. Without strong financial support and committed volunteers, the LP will accomplish nothing. While some persons may see our Party as one large philosophy circle to debate the issues of the day, I see the LP as the political conduit through which our candidates can win elections and energize supporters!

**Q:** *If elected, what would be the single most important thing you would try to accomplish?*

**A:** I'd work to show the citizens of California that Libertarian principles are practical and can work. Many people think we have utopian ideals that can't work in the "real world." It's time to show them otherwise!

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## LPC Takes Positions on Propositions

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On the other hand, the committee voted to oppose Propositions 222 and 224. Prop. 222 would increase the penalty for the second degree murder of a peace officer to life without parole, while penalties would remain lower for killing anyone else. Since this would create a special class of murder victim, the committee felt the measure is in opposition to libertarian principles. Proposition 224 would hurt the cause of contracting out state government services to save taxpayers money. The measure would calculate state agencies' bids at only additional costs over employees' usual salaries, while private bidders would have to include all costs. Thus, the government bid would always be artificially lower and thus the agency would get the bid. As the LPC favors as much privatization as possible, this measure should be vigorously opposed.

The committee voted to take no position on Propositions 220 and 221 (technical measures involving the courts), Proposition 223 (the 95/5 school financing measure) and Proposition 225 (a term limits advisory measure that has been withdrawn by its own supporters in favor of another to appear in November). Prop. 223 seems positive on the surface, but there appears to be a provision that would make it difficult to contract out school services to private enterprise. As it is a mixed bag, no libertarian purpose would be served either way.

The final measure is Prop. 226, the measure to require employees to give permission before their union dues could be used for political activities. The committee was deeply divided, with seven members favoring Prop. 226 and six members opposed. For this reason, the default position was to take no official position.

For the first time in 12 years, there are no bond measures on the ballot. It's likely there will be many in November, giving Libertarians the opportunity to write opposing ballot arguments at that time. ■

## AROUND THE STATE

### San Francisco: Up & Running!

The past few years haven't been the best for the San Francisco LP: a number of its most active members moved out of the area and, consequently, regional activity diminished substantially. The hardest blow to the region came in July, 1997, when its unofficial headquarters — Freedom's Forum bookstore — lost its lease to the city's new Gay & Lesbian Community Center Project.

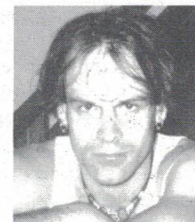
But you can't keep good Libertarians down, and the region is making a comeback. The Region's Chair, known by nom de plume of **Starchild**, tells the story: "I decided around the end of last year that it was time to get reorganized. I contacted the other officers and arranged a meeting at my house in January. Several hours of phone calls and a mailing of 200 postcards to our members and other interested persons paid off with around 25 people attending our first meeting. We elected new officers, including myself as Chair. After squeezing two meetings into my living room, we secured a room at a local Round Table Pizza which holds up to 60, giving us the space to grow."

In February, the region elected **Arthur Kyle** to serve as its Director of Communications. "Arthur's first project was setting up an e-mail list," reported Starchild, "for our region's Executive Committee to communicate announcements and other important information to local activists. He's also agreed to set up a regional web site, and helped produce the first newsletter we've had in over a year."

What else has the region been up to? "Two issues we've

focused on at our January and February meetings are proportional representation and official harassment of people in the "rave" dance scene," said Starchild.

SFLP member **Wayne Shepard** has long-standing involvement in proportional representation as part of a local group called the Electoral Reform Coalition. He and a member from the Green Party made a pitch for proportional representation at one of the region's recent meetings.

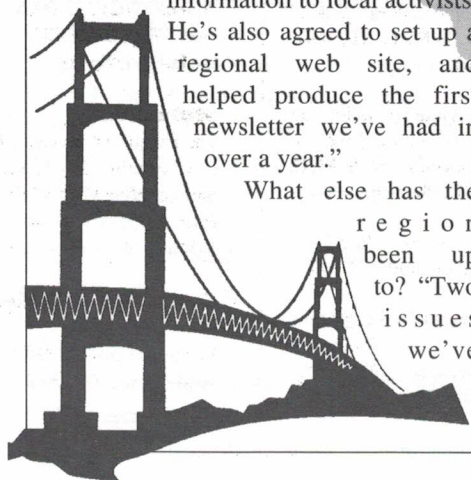


**Starchild**

"We also formed a Freedom to Dance Committee which drafted a resolution and letter to city officials," said Starchild. "The main points we stressed are the city's lack of respect for the Constitutional rights of freedom of assembly and of religion. San Francisco rave parties are routinely busted for not having various permits, which are almost impossible to obtain. We plan to circulate it widely among members of the electronic dance community with the aim of spearheading a coalition to press for changes in the laws."

Starchild identified the local police crackdown on people living in their cars as another issue of concern to his region's members. "Municipal Police Code 97A makes it illegal to sleep overnight in a car or van. I am currently searching for a speaker to brief our members on this issue and discuss how we can help protect the rights of the less fortunate."

Jump-starting a region isn't easy, and not everything has gone smoothly for the San Francisco Libertarians. "We stumbled badly in our efforts to get on the ballot, due to our unfamiliarity with the process," said Starchild, "so the SFLP has no candidates on the ballot for the coming election. On the bright side, I look forward to an active year of local party-building. We have a larger, more dedicated group of libertarian activists than San Francisco has seen in years, and it's only going to get better!" ■





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### Renewing Your Membership

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### LP Stuff For Sale

Former LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot would like to announce that she is offering Libertarian Party promotional merchandise for sale. All proceeds will go to support LPC Region 40 (San Luis Obispo County). Items for sale include the following...

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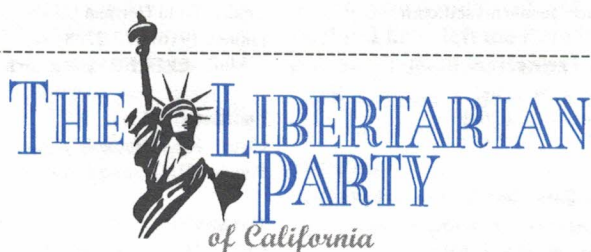
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